



LINK TO HOME

Week of November 27, 2023

This Week

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| Monday, November 27 | LCCS Board Meeting, rescheduled, 6:30 pm, virtual only (Click for details.) |
| Tuesday, November 28 | Grade 2 – Team Chavez visit to Mighty Writers |
| Tuesday, November 28 | Link Choir Tryouts at Penn, 3-4 pm (*see below) |
| Wednesday, November 29 | REGULAR DISMISSAL DAY |
| Wednesday, November 29 | Link Choir Tryouts at Halsey, 3-4 pm (*see below) |
| Thursday, November 30 | Grade 2 – Team Huerta visit to Mighty Writers |
| Thursday, November 30 | Grade 6-8 Attendance Seminar, 5 pm, 23 Penn |
| Saturday, December 2 | LCCS Board of Trustees Retreat Meeting, 9 am, 230 Halsey , in-person |

Important Upcoming Dates

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| Week of December 4 | Scholastic Book Fair at 230 Halsey |
| Monday, December 4 | Crazy Socks Day |
| Monday, December 4 | Grade K –5 Attendance Seminar, 5 pm, 23 Penn |
| Wednesday, December 6 | EARLY DISMISSAL DAY for Students; Instructional Planning & Professional Development for staff, 1:15 pm |
| Wednesday, December 6 | Girls Lunch Group, 12:24 pm, 230 Halsey |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Our families and staff donated a record amount of canned and boxed foods – over 1200 items this year for our annual Community Service Project! Fifteen families in the community received a turkey with dinner fixings, and the remainder of the goods went to local food pantries/shelters. We appreciate the generosity of our Link families and staff for providing for those in need. Thank you all for “giving back to the community!”

LINK CHOIR AUDITIONS NEXT WEEK!

Students in grades 5 through 8 may audition for the Link Choir on the dates listed below. It is important for your child to sign up for the audition. Here is the link to do that: <https://forms.gle/gv2uhgK7LXYJFE3r7>



At 23 Penn
 Tuesday, November 28
 3-4 pm
 Music Room

At 230 Halsey
 Wednesday, November 29
 3-4 pm
 Music Room

BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS!

The dates and times for the athletic team tryouts will be sent in next week’s parent newsletter and email. It’s expected they will take place during the week of December 4th, so stay tuned to your email inbox! Remember, students who want to try out must have a Pre-Participation Athletic Physical Examination Form on file at Link.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN YOUR 5TH GRADER UP FOR NJLEEP

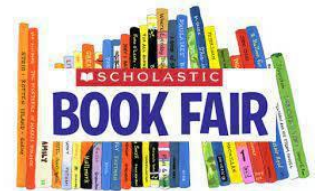
As mentioned in the last two weeks' parent newsletters, NJLEEP is currently recruiting 5th graders for their educational enrichment and mentoring program.

(There are a few openings for grade 6 and above.) They will hold an information session for parents on Wednesday, December 6th. For more information, see the flyers at the end of this newsletter.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMING!

The 7th-8th grade School Fair will take place at Halsey from **Monday, December 4th 2023 to Friday, December 8th 2023**. The K-6th grade School Fair will be offered at Pennsylvania from **Monday, December 11th 2023 to Friday, December 15th 2023**.



Before the Fair, parents will want to set up **eWallet** for worry-free, cash-free purchases.

Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy. Anyone can contribute! You may also shop online. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school! Online shopping begins on the first day of each school's book fair.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet.

- For 7th-8th grades: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/linkcommunitycharterschool1>
- For K-6th grades: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/linkcommunitycharterschool>

SAVE THE DAY FOR LINK'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS! – THURSDAY, December 14, 5-7 pm

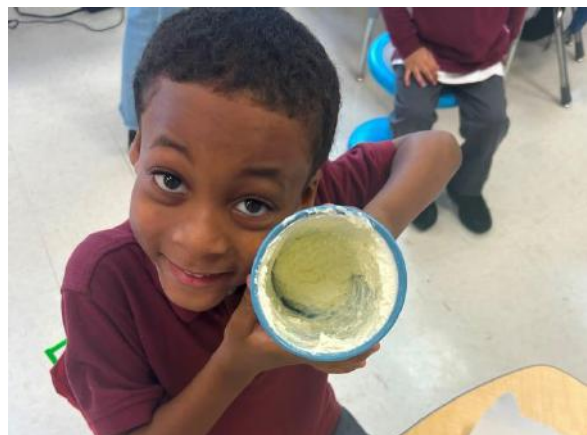
Mark your calendar now for this fun and festive interactive event that will be held for all families at 23 Pennsylvania Avenue. Details and a sign up form for families will follow in next week's parent newsletter.



IN THE CLASSROOMS

MAKING BUTTER!

November 17 was National Butter Day, so Team Caldwell decided to make butter themselves! First, they added cream and a dash of salt into a cup and then "shook their little hearts out" until it turned into butter. Scholars enjoyed tasting their hard work with some bread.





GIRLS ON THE RUN 5K

7th and 8th grade girls in Girls on The Run (GOTR) completed their semester long program with a 5K event (choosing to walk or run!) at Branchburg Park in Newark. In this endeavor, they joined young ladies from GOTR groups from other schools in New Jersey. Link staff was on hand to run and walk with the girls - Ms. Paczkowski, Ms. Bell, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Mifsud, and Ms. Dorsey. Congratulations, to all!



DISPLAYING OUR GRATITUDE

Students and staff created bulletin boards in observance of November's "National Gratitude Month." As displayed on the boards, our community is thankful for so much! Here are some of the boards.



K-2 FALL FESTIVALS WERE FUN FOR ALL!

Our youngest students – kindergarten, first, and second grades enjoyed a Fall themed events – an afternoons of games, crafts, dancing, and food! Thanks to Link staff who organized, carried out, and chaperoned the festivals!





LINK'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

This year's Community Service Day was a great success! Students at all levels and in both building engaged in various activities, parents actively participated, and staff kept everything moving! We collected over 1200 canned and boxed foods that went food pantries/shelters in Newark, Irvington, Hillside, and East Orange. The team donating the most food was Team Bridges, with 408 cans and boxes. Link will provide them with a classroom holiday party. Team Chisholm came in second, with 224 and Team King, with 211.

Students prepared 215 sandwich bags (sandwiches, chips, water, and fruit) for the Apostles House and YMCA Emergency Housing in Newark. They also wrote "caring cards" to be sent to an organization that will see that children in foster care receive them. Our scholars displayed the spirit of helping others and giving back to the community!





Congratulations!

...to our awards recipients over the past two weeks:

Grade 5 – Week of November 8

Scholar of the Week Award – Arianna Mollineau, Team Lewis
Scholar of the Week Award – Celyn Mensah-Boateng, Team Chisholm
Core Values Award - Kenya McCown, team Lewis
Core Values Award – Kumba Mannah, Team Chisholm

Grade 6 – Week of November 8

Scholar of the Week Award – Arianna McLeod, Team Malala
Scholar of the Week Award – Juanita Joseph, Team Clemente
Core Values Award – Jayden Frimpang, Team Malala
Core Values Award – Christ-Mael Ramale, Team Clemante

Grade 7 – Week of November 15

Scholar of the Week Award – Delilah Lovell, Team Ujima
Scholar of the Week Award – Deja Glaudin, Team Nia
Core Values Award – David Fernandez-Lizaro, Team Ujims
Core Values Award – Mayell Page, Team Nia

Grade 8 – Week of November 15

Scholar of the Week Award – Nylah Gabriel, Team Haki
Scholar of the Week Award – Zamir Black, Team Kuumba
Scholar of the Week Award – Shania Dieujuste, Team Staha
Scholar of the Week Award – Elijah Dolce, Team Imani
Core Values Award -Savannah Samuels, Team Haki
Core Values Award -Jospeh Brown, Team Kuumba
Core Values Award -Zaria Poole, Team Staha
Core Values Award – Juliet Lebron, Team Imani

FROM YOUR LINK PARENT ASSOCIATION

The LPA will hold its first fundraiser this year – the ever popular popcorn!!! Details on how to order will be sent home shortly.



Join Us for Our Annual Holiday Popcorn Fundraiser!

Dec.8th-Dec.12th

**Save the date as we prepare
to join together to fundraise
for our LPA.**

**All money will go towards
programs and family events
for our students!**

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL
LINKLPA@LINKSCHOOL.ORG



IN AND AROUND NEWARK

NEWARK
DOWNTOWN
DISTRICT

25TH ANNIVERSARY

THE NEWARK DOWNTOWN DISTRICT
PROUDLY PRESENTS

*10th Annual
Holiday Tree Lighting*

JOIN US!

DECEMBER **2ND** 2 PM - 6 PM

PRUDENTIAL PLAZA, NEWARK NJ

FREE ADMISSION

FREE ACTIVITIES, LIVE PERFORMANCES
HOT COCOA, PICTURES WITH SANTA
KIDDIE TRAIN, REINDEER RIDES
AND MUCH MORE!

SECOND SATURDAY FAMILY ADVENTURES



10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Ages 3–10 | FREE

**Saturday,
December 9th**

Winter Gifts For All!

The cold never stops us from enjoying the outdoors! Join us as we use nature to craft winter gifts for all.

We will be getting busy crafting and staying warm outdoors while also learning about winter!



****Registration is required****

****Dress appropriately for the weather****

Learn more and register at www.citybloom.org/events
32 Prince Street, Newark, NJ
(973) 642-4646

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FAMILY FUN IN THE KITCHEN

With Chef Afi

Saturday, December 16th

11:00am - 12:30pm

Greater Newark Conservancy

32 Prince Street, Newark NJ 07103

This Month's Menu

**Vegan Vanilla
Cupcakes**



Register at www.citybloom.org/events/

THE NEWARK HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Event Calendar

A collaborative calendar of holiday events
In Newark's Arts and Education District

Saturday, November 25

- The Newark Holiday Festival Kick Off
- Newark Winter Village Opening
Mulberry Commons
- Remembering the Purple One:
A Tribute to Prince Rogers Nelson
- The Newark Museum of Art
November Family Saturdays

Friday, December 1

- The Newark Museum of Art
Art After Dark x
Newark First Fridays:
Creative's Magic

Saturday, December 2

- Brick City Bar Crawl Reunion:
Holiday Edition
- Have You Met Newark
Annual Shop Hop

December 8 & 9

- 12/8 - Soul Line Dance
- 12/9 - The Newark
Holiday Market
- 12/9 - Community Day:
Winter Wonderland
- 12/9 - Basel Brunch

December 14 & 15

- Holiday MarketSPACE

Saturday, December 16

- Urban Girl Magazine
Black Business Crawl

Thursday, December 21

- The Newark Museum of Art
Family Fun Days

Friday, December 22

- Newark Symphony Hall
Candlelight: Holiday Special
featuring "The Nutcracker"
and More

Ongoing Events

- The Newark Holiday
Festival Scavenger Hunt
powered by The Newark Gift Card
- Halsey Village
Holiday Market
- Newark Winter
Village Opening - Thru Jan. 7
Mulberry Commons

Saturday, December 23

- NJPAC Kwanzaa Festival
and Market place

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For more info go to
www.newarkholidayfestival.com